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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

to the

ROMSEY AND STOCKBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your information and consideration the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District.

Paper work preparatory to the waterbourne sewerage system in Stockbridge continued during the year as did work on the extension of sewers in the parish of North Baddesley. The need for sewers in Chilworth and Wellow is becoming more urgent.

Southampton County Borough received permission to build on land in the parish of Nursling and Rownhams. It was noted that many of the tenants of your Council Houses in Nursling work in Southampton. Further transfers of single people or elderly couples were made from two or three-bedroom Council Houses to small dwellings.

I am grateful to Mr. Smith, your Chief Public Health Inspector for the preparation of Sections C, D and E.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

E. JACKSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

Staff

Medical Officer of Health	E. JACKSON
(Part-time, 1½ days per week)	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Chief Public Health Inspector	H.G. SMITH
	A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Additional Public Health Inspector	D.G. ANDREWS
	A.R.S.H.
Rodent Officer	G. RAWLINS
Clerk	Miss E.M. KERLEY
	(appointed 27th
	February, 1961)

SECTION A. - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA - General Statistics

Area (Acres)	82,606
Population (as estimated by the Registrar General)	22,230
Rateable Value (1.4.61.)	£262,641
Product of each penny of General Rate (1.4.61.)	£1,049.35
Number of Council Houses built (before 1939)	294
Number of Council Houses built after 1944	<u>580</u>
	874.
Number of Council Houses completed during 1961	44
Total number of inhabited houses	6,245

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1961, AS SUPPLIED BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

	Total	Male	Female	1960
Live Births -				
Total Registered	374	190	184	357
Legitimate	357	181	176	340
Illegitimate	17	9	8	17
Still Births -				
Total Registered	6	3	3	2
Legitimate	4	1	3	2
Illegitimate	2	2	0	0
Total live and still births	380	193	187	359
Deaths -				
Total Registered	310	127	83	216
Maternal Deaths	0	-	0	0
Infant Deaths -				
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	11	7	4	5
Legitimate	11	7	4	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0	1
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age				
Total Registered	9	6	3	4
Legitimate	9	6	3	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0	1

	Comparative Statistics where available	
	Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District	England and Wales
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	16.8	17.4
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	15.1	18.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births		
Total	29.4	21.4
Legitimate	30.9	
Illegitimate	-	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	24.1	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4.5	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population	13.9	12.0

Comparability Factors

Births 1.06

Deaths 1.07

CAUSE OF DEATH DURING 1961

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total	1960
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	0	1	1	1
Tuberculosis (other forms)	0	0	0	0
Syphilitic Disease	0	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0	0
Meningococcal Infections	0	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0	0
Other Infections and Parasitic Diseases	0	1	1	0
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	4	2	6	6
" " Lung and Bronchus	6	0	6	14
" " Breast	1	4	5	3
" " Uterus	-	2	2	0
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	10	7	17	26
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	1	1	0
Diabetes	1	1	2	2
Vascular lesions of the Nervous System	14	17	31	32
Coronary Disease, Angina	23	9	32	36
Hypertension with Heart Disease	3	2	5	3

	Male	Female	Total	1960
Other Heart Diseases	21	11	32	26
Other Circulatory Diseases	10	3	13	9
Influenza	1	0	1	0
Pneumonia	2	4	6	4
Bronchitis	5	5	10	15
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	0	1	2
Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum	2	1	3	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0	1	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	0	0	0	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	0	0	0
Congenital Malformations	1	0	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	10	21	19
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	1	7	5
All other accidents	1	0	1	5
Suicide	2	0	2	2
Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	127	83	210	216

Comments on the Vital Statistics.

The various rates calculated from the births and deaths are not statistically different from previous years.

SECTION B. - GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE.

1. The Medical Officer of Health is also the Medical Officer of Health of the Borough of Romsey and an Assistant County Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer of the Hampshire County Council. This combined appointment helps to co-ordinate the medical services supplied by the County Council as the Local Health Authority in accordance with Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946, with the services supplied by the District Council.

Your Council also has nine representatives on the County Council District Health Sub-Committee - the District comprising the area of Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District and Romsey Borough. The Medical Officer of Health also attends quarterly Meetings of the District Health Sub-Committee.

2. The County Council supply the following services:-

(a) Ambulance Services.

Ambulances are stationed at Romsey (1) and Broughton (1) and controlled from the County Council Offices at Winchester. Additional ambulances can be sent to the District from the depot at Winchester.

(b) Nursing in the Home.

District Nurses are responsible for domiciliary midwifery and home nursing. They keep in close touch with the County Council Health Visitors, the General Practitioners of their areas, and the Medical Officer of Health. No nursing arrangements or contribution is made by the District Council but nine members represent the Council on the District Health Sub-Committee of the County Council.

District Nurses.

Miss P.R. Cork, 8, Winfrith Way, Nursling, Nr. Southampton.

Miss M. Laycock, "Brambles" Cupernham Lane, Romsey.

Mrs. M. Parkinson, Pound House, Spearywell, Mottisfont.

Miss S. Rowell, Nurses Cottages, West Wellow, Nr. Romsey. (Left 30th June, 1961)

Miss B.D. Sharp, "Brambles" Cupernham Lane, Romsey.

Mrs. S.A. Sheppard, "Ty-Cwm", Horsebridge Road, King's Somborne.

Mrs. R. McLean, 14, Aylwards Way, Nether Wallop.

Mrs. Simpson, "Iabad", Orchard Close, North Baddesley. (Temporary appointment for Wellow area). (Appointed 1st, October, 1961)

Combined Duties

In two areas of the Rural District there was a combined duties appointment in which one person did the duties of District Nurse, Midwife and Health Visitor.

Miss I.C. Clarke, "Newlands", Rectory Hill, West Dean, Nr. Salisbury.

Miss I. Webb, "Crantock", High Street, Broughton. (Left 22nd October, 1961.)

After Miss Webb's departure it proved impossible to recruit a Triple Duties Officer and the Health Visiting duties were carried out by neighbouring Health Visitors and the Nursing duties by neighbouring Nurses.

Health Visitors.

Miss K. Glister, H.C.C. Health Centre, Totton.

Mrs. M. Pointer, "Bryn Coed", Newtown Road, Sherfield English. (Appointed 1st. April, 1961.)

Miss Porter, 6, St. Catherine's Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton. (Left 31st. March, 1961.)

Mrs. M.E. Ward, Flat 2, Harefield House, Winchester Hill, Romsey.

Mrs. C.E. Watts, 41, Newlands Avenue, Southampton.

Miss D.D. Woodcock, 48, Ashfield Road, Andover.

(c) Child Welfare Services

The County Council employ Health Visitors, who visit children from the age of two weeks, when they pass from the care of the District Nurses until the age of five years when the child enters school.

In addition the County Council hold child welfare clinics in this district as indicated:-

Broughton	2nd Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Houghton	2nd Monday of the month at 2.30 p.m. (No Medical Officer.)
King's Somborne	1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Lockerley	2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Leckford	3rd Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Mottisfont	2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
North Baddesley	1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Nursling.	2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Over Wallop	1st Tuesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Romsey	Every Thursday at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Stockbridge	3rd Friday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
Wellow	2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 2.30 p.m.
West Tytherley	3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

The Child Welfare Clinics are staffed by Health Visitors, Assistant County Medical Officers and voluntary helpers. The District Nurses attend these Clinics when other duties permit.

(d) Care of Mothers and Young Children

Ante-natal care is given by General Practitioners in the District and by the District Nurses, and some patients attend Maternity Hospitals in Winchester, Salisbury or Southampton. Dental care is provided for expectant mothers and for children under school age.

(e) Home Help Service

This service is provided for mothers confined at home, for those in charge of the elderly, the chronic sick, etc. The District Health Sub-Committee receive reports. The area office for the District is at The Red House, Romsey Road, Eastleigh. Telephone: Eastleigh 2558.

(f) Vaccination and Immunisation

See Section "F" of this report - Infectious Diseases Prophylaxis.

(g) Prevention of Illness, Care and After Care.

These services are part of the duties of Health Visitors, District Nurses, Public Health Inspectors and Medical Officers.

3. Hospital Services

The South West Regional Hospital Board supply general maternity and infectious diseases (including tuberculosis and smallpox) hospital services for this area.

4. Laboratory Facilities

Laboratory facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Winchester, the M.R.C. Laboratory, Southampton and the Pathology Department, Salisbury General Infirmary.

SECTION C. - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply

- (i) Thirty-nine (39) samples of water from private sources were submitted for bacteriological examination. Twenty-seven (27) were found to be satisfactory. Of the fifty-five (55) samples submitted from the Council's watermains, forty (40) were found to be satisfactory. The unsatisfactory results were from newly laid ~~mains~~ and these samples were taken before water therefrom was made available to the public.

Two (2) samples submitted for chemical analysis from the Council's watermains were found to be satisfactory.

- (ii) The Southampton Corporation remain the Statutory Undertakers for the following Parishes:-

Ampfield, Chilworth, Braishfield, Michelmersh, Mottisfont (part), North Baddesley, Nursling and Rownhams, Romsey Extra and part of Sherfield English and Wellow.

The West Hants Water Company supply water to part of Wellow and to part of Melchet Park and Plaitford.

Work on Stage 4 of the Council's scheme to provide a piped water supply to the Parish of Mottisfont was completed during the year.

The extension of watermains in the Graemar Lane and Salisbury Road area of the Parish of Sherfield English will be carried out early in 1962.

Under the provisions of the Southampton Corporation Water (No:2) Order, 1961 the whole of the Council's water undertaking will be taken over on the 1st. April, 1962.

- (iii) No cases of contamination by lead were experienced during the year.

- (iv) The number of premises connected to Local Authority watermains are shown in the Table below:-

Parish	Number of Premises
Ampfield	341
Ashley	5
Bossington	10
Braishfield	155
Broughton	250
Chilworth	302
East Dean	72
East Tytherley	25
Frenchmoor	11
Houghton	92
King's Sonborne	236
Lockerley	173
Longstock	62
Melchet Park and Plaitford	58
Michelmersh	142

Parish	Number of Premises
Mottisfont	44
Nether Wallop	168
North Baddesley	728
Nursling and Rownhams	763
Over Wallop	194
Romsey Extra	222
Sherfield English	290
Stockbridge	109
Wellow	427
West Tytherley	5

(v) New extensions of watermains completed during the year are shown in the Table below:-

Parish	Length in yards	Diam. of Mains in inches
Ampfield	143	3
Braishfield	416	4
Chilworth	55	4
Lockerley	1,418	6
Mottisfont	1,528	6
" "	3,240	4
" "	570	3
North Baddesley	52	3
" "	382	4
Romsey Extra	177	3
" "	880	4

2. Sewerage

During the year the number of sewer connections in the Parish of Nursling and Rownhams increased to five hundred and thirteen (513) and in the Parish of North Baddesley to five hundred and fifty-nine (559).

The Council's Consulting Engineers continued in the preparation of the scheme to provide main drainage for the Parish of Stockbridge. The nature of the scheme will necessitate the construction of four or five pumping stations.

The scheme to provide main drainage to Rownhams Mount Estate area of the Parish of Rownhams was completed during the year.

A scheme to extend the above sewerage system to provide main drainage for some seventy-five (75) additional properties to the north was proposed during the year and the work should commence early in 1962.

The Eastleigh Corporation agreed in principle to receive sewage from the Beechwood Crescent area of the Parish of Ampfield into their sewers and the Council's Consulting Engineers prepared a report thereon.

The flume chamber to record flows in the existing 9" valley sewer from North Baddesley was installed and continuous recordings commenced in March. Recordings revealed that large volumes of storm-water were gaining access to the sewer.

It was decided to construct an emergency storm-water overflow to discharge to the Tanner's Brook.

Work on the construction of the new 18" valley sewer at North Baddesley to discharge to the Southampton Corporation's sewers was commenced during the latter part of the year. This sewer should be available for use in mid-1963.

SECTION D. - HOUSING

3. (i) Eight (8) one-bedroomed flats, twelve (12) houses and twenty-four (24) bungalows were erected during the year.
- (ii) One-hundred and thirteen (113) houses were erected by private enterprise during the year.
- (iii) Movable Dwellings

By the end of the year thirty-eight (38) sites had been licenced under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960. The total number of caravans involved is one hundred and forty-eight (148).

The Model Standards are enforced in full in respect of those licenced sites consisting of more than three (3) caravans.

The gypsy problem in the District remains and the new Act does not provide any answer, as it would be an impossibility to enforce the Model Standards in these unenlightened communities, especially as in all cases land used by the gypsies is so used without the occupier's consent.

Prosecution of the occupier concerned still appears to be the only answer, if he does not clear his land of the campers when requested. Whilst the new Act makes it easier to prosecute with success in respect of caravans, many families use nondescript tents and action can only be taken in respect of these under the 1936 Public Health Act, with its '42 consecutive days or 60 days in any one year' clause. This gives a six-week period before any action can be taken and considerable annoyance and inconvenience can be caused to local inhabitants during this time.

One site owner has an appeal pending to the Magistrates' Court in respect of conditions imposed.

Satisfactory proposals to comply with conditions imposed on licences issued have not yet been received in respect of two other sites.

(iv) Slum Clearance

In the original housing survey, carried out in 1954, two-hundred and four (204) properties were reported to the Council as being unfit for habitation and incapable of repair at a reasonable cost.

Up to the end of 1961, seventy-three (73) demolition orders and forty-seven (47) closing orders had been made. In addition twenty-three (23) undertakings had been accepted that premises would not be reoccupied until rendered fit to the Council's satisfaction.

Most of the remaining properties reported in the 1954 schedule are in the Parishes of Sherfield English and Stockbridge. Eight (8) dwellings will be erected in the former Parish during 1962 for slum clearance purposes and the purchase of suitable land for re-housing in Stockbridge is in hand.

4. Public Cleansing.

Refuse continued to be collected fortnightly throughout the Rural District.

The 4 Wheel Drive Tractor and Weekes Hydraulic loader continued to give satisfactory service and covering material derived from the seven (7) acres of land adjacent to the tipping area prevented the occurrence of any nuisances from flies or other insect pests.

The extensive use of covering material also acts as a deterrent to rodents and gives early warning should an infestation occur.

During the early part of the year, the tractor proved of great value in digging out a portion of the tip which caught fire late in December, 1960.

The 4 Wheel Drive Tractor will be replaced in 1962, having then been in use for three years and having logged in excess of 3,000 working hours. It is hoped to obtain a new tractor with an hydraulically-operated bucket, which should prove more efficient than the manually-controlled unit at present in use.

Total running costs for the existing tractor for the 2½ year period up to the end of 1961, amounted to £465 16s. 2d.

Allowing a depreciation figure of £500 over the period, cost per hour of the machine in use is under 7s. 0d., which is very satisfactory.

Delivery of a new Paxit III compression-type rear loading refuse vehicle was taken in July, 1961. This has proved of great value. The twin rams enable large objects i.e. drums, bicycle frames, wooden boxes etc., to be broken up and efficiently compressed.

The Council have now in use the following vehicles on refuse collection:-

- One (1) Dennis Paxit III compression-type.
- One (1) Dennis Paxit II compression-type.
- Two (2) Dennis 12 cubic yard side-loaders.
- One (1) Dennis 10 cubic yard side-loader.
- One (1) Ford 15 cwt. van, used for general purposes by the foreman.

This latter vehicle was purchased in June, 1961.

SECTION E. - FOOD

- 5. (i) There are no licenced slaughterhouses in the area.
- (ii) Thirty-seven (37) samples of Pasteurised Milk were submitted for examination. All proved satisfactory. Frequent inspections of the two batch pasteurising plants in the area were made.

- (iii) Registration of premises under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Premises Registered for manufacture of Ice-cream	Registration for sale of Ice-cream	Registration for preparation or manufacture of sausages
1	92	10

- (iv) Number of Food Premises in the area:-

Licenced Premises	56
Restaurants	18
Food Stores	89
Bakehouses	2
Butcher's Shops	11
Fish Shops	3

- (v) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Routine inspection under the above Regulations have been made during the year.

- (vi) Condemned Food-stuffs

The following articles of food were voluntarily surrendered during the year:-

2 x 6lb tins Libby's Corned Beef.
8 lbs I.K.C. Peas.

- (vii) No cases of Food Poisoning were reported during the year.

6. Factories

- (i) Inspection for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c. Line No (2)	No. on Register (3)	Number of:-			M/c. Line No (7)
			Inspection (4)	Notices Written (5)	Occup's Prosec'ted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	4	2			1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	58	21	1		2
(iii) Other premises which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers)	3					3
TOTAL ...		62	23	1		

(ii) Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	M/c. Line No. (2)	Number of cases in which Defects were:-					M/c. Line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (6)	Prosec- utions (7)	
Want of cleanliness (Sec.1)	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Overcrowding (Sec.2)	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Unreasonable temperature (Sec.3)	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
Inadequate ventilation (Sec.4)	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec.6)	8	-	-	-	-	-	8
Sanitary Conveniences (Sec.7)	9	-	-	-	-	-	9
(a) Insufficient							
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	1	1	-	1	-	10
(c) Not separate for sexes	11	-	-	-	-	-	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
TOTAL	60	1	1	-	1	-	60

- (iii) Eight (8) Outworkers were employed in the District in the making of wearing apparel. All premises were inspected and found satisfactory.

7. Rodent Control.

The Rodent Control Staff, consisting of the Rodent Officer and one Rodent Operator surveyed three hundred and five (305) Agricultural Premises, seventy-eight (78) Business Premises and six hundred and five (605) Private Dwellings during the year.

In addition, they treated four hundred and sixty five (465) infestations in Private Houses, fifty-two (52) infestations on Business Premises and one hundred (100) infestations on Agricultural land.

SECTION F. - PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifications of Infectious Diseases received during the year 1961 are tabulated below.

Disease	Notification by age-groups									Fatalities
	Total notified	Under 1 year	1-2 years	3-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-44 years	45-64 years	65 and over	
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	10	-	2	3	2	2	1	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis										
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	444	7	93	100	215	28	1	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Tuberculosis										
Respiratory	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-
Non-respiratory	3	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
Ophthalmia										
Neonatorum	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Many cases of measles and diarrhoea are not notified.

Immunisation against Diphtheria

The estimated number of children in the area who had completed a full course of diphtheria immunisation by 31st. December, 1961, was as follows:-

Children born in 1961	155
" " " between 1957 - 60	1,139
" " " " " 1952 - 56	1,919
" " " " " 1947 - 51	2,153

Because there were several cases of diphtheria in England during 1960 and early 1961 and because many school children had not had 'Booster' injections there was a danger of diphtheria occurring in the District. Immunisation sessions were arranged in several schools with the help of the Headteachers and the General Medical Practitioners of the area. As a result of the response to these special arrangements and publicity during the first half of the year the final figures show an improvement on the previous year.

As in previous years the triple antigen was used for infants, babies being given protection against whooping cough and tetanus at the same time as diphtheria.

Vaccination against Smallpox.

Year	Primary Vaccinations				Total Prim-ary	Re vacc-ination	Grand Total
	0 - 1 yrs.	1 - 2 yrs.	2 - 15 yrs.	over 15 yrs.			
1959	172	8	22	9	211	82	293
1960	140	16	16	16	188	109	297
1961	130	40	40	16	326	100	426

The primary vaccination of babies was still not at a satisfactory level in the District. The figures show that, following the advice published by a committee of the Medical Research Council, there were more babies vaccinated during the second year of life. Expert international opinion has now agreed that vaccination during the first year of life is desirable. There is no doubt that severe reactions to primary vaccination are less common in infancy than in later life and there are few babies so unfit that vaccination is not advisable.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

Year	Completed first two injections	Third Injections	Fourth Injections
1959	3,375	3,427	
1960	725	1,161	
1961	841	708	1,189

In April it was advised that a fourth injection should be given to children starting school at five years and to all schoolchildren up to the age of twelve years. During the two months following this announcement few children were taken along to the Family Doctors surgeries so, with the co-operation of the Headteachers, arrangements were made for giving fourth injections in primary schools. These injection sessions were conducted by general practitioners, the record-keeping being carried out in the Public Health Office.

